

Rapid River News

March 23rd, 2015

News , updates and recent announcements from our tribe, calendar of events, flyers, prayers and more information. Please note that: Hyperlinks are scattered throughout the RRN .These 'links' take you direct to documents, websites and further information that you can use. Just click on them or copy and paste them in your browser for more info! _____

Maple Sugar gathering! Last Friday from 3 until 7 p.m. a lot of folks came to the site of the Ziisibaakwadakae Gamig (Sugar Shack) on Schoedel Road to see demonstrations and celebrate with a potluck. Go to page 9 for pictures and more details.



Treaty Recognition Day. March 28th is Treaty Recognition Day so the offices will observe the holiday on Friday the 27th. Government offices will be closed to honor the holiday.

Election Board / General Election notice!

- Any questions for the Election Board, call their number at 231.398.6709 and leave a message. The Election Board will return your call. Please do not call employees with election issues!
- General Election Candidates were given the opportunity to submit articles to the **Currents** for the March edition. Ogema candidates were up to 400 words and all others 200 words. The March issue of the paper link is posted below. Mailed copies of this issue will go out via the Post Office to all Heads of Household by the end of the week.
- The Election Board reminds you to mail your ballot in early so that it is received in time by the board to be counted.

March Currents online! The 28 page March **Currents** is on line. Go to <https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/images/docs/public-affairs/currents/2015/Currents%20-%20March%202015.pdf> to see this and other issues.

Spring Fire & Teachings! The Spring Fire & Teachings are April 8th through 11th at the Gathering Grounds in Manistee. See the full flyer on page 11 and plan on attending. **The Spring Membership Meeting is April 11th.**

Spring Membership Meeting April 11th: The Spring Membership Meeting is set for April 11th at the Makwa Endaat. Ogema Romanelli will be holding his 'Meet-n-Greet' Friday evening (the 10th) beginning at 7 p.m. in the Makwa Endaat. (Entertainment Center) Saturday, booths open at 9 a.m.; the unofficial meeting and presentation of flags begins at 10 a.m. and the formal open is at 1 p.m. The resort has a new menu and it is no longer necessary to have the Spring Meeting as ac potluck...lunch will be provided!

Want to learn CPR? Would you like to learn the life-saving techniques of CPR? Sgt Bates from Tribal Public Safety is an American Heart Instructor and he's setting up classes for anyone interested in earning their 2-year certification. If you are interested, please contact Public Safety reception at extension 2225.

Resort Mattress Sale! The Little River Casino Resort is again holding their popular 'Mattress Sale'. See the flyer on page 3.

MIEA Scholarship! This year's 2015 Scholarship Application is now available. Please share news of this opportunity with our young people. NOTE!!! The application and supporting documentation has to be submitted **no later than** June 20th. Any questions? Contact Tom Derwin, Coordinator at 906.387.3498 or by email tderwint@hotmail.com. The application can be seen at: https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/images/docs/public-affairs/News/Scholarship_Application.pdf

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2015 LRBOI Primary Election Results

| Office of the Ogema | Winner | Total | Office of Tribal Council-9 County | Winner | Total |
|-------------------------------------|--------|-------|-----------------------------------|--------|-------|
| Dave Corey | | 22 | Pam Medahko | | 40 |
| Gary Paul DiPiazza (sees-bak-tunse) | | 28 | Pat Ruiter | X | 61 |
| Jimmy Mitchell | | 31 | Rita Annette Gale | X | 83 |
| Larry "Little Thunder" Romanelli | X | 240 | Ronald Wittenberg | X | 84 |
| Michael J. Ceplina | | 95 | Sandra "Peanut " Lewis | X | 72 |
| Shannon Paul Crampton | | 83 | Sandy Mezeske | X | 77 |
| Steve Parsons | X | 111 | Steven E. Kequom | X | 56 |

| Office of Tribal Council-9 County | Winner | Total | Office of Tribal Council -At Large | Winner | Total |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-------|------------------------------------|--------|-----------|
| Al Metzger Oskaabaawis | | 49 | Edward Tyler | | 74 |
| Alvin Patricio | | 36 | Joseph Riley II | X | 194 |
| Amy Gilles | | 15 | Marcella M. Leusby | | withdrawn |
| Brian Loney | | 52 | Michael J. Charlow | | 33 |
| Candace M. Chapman | X | 67 | Norbert Kelsey | X | 103 |
| Corey A. Wells | | 16 | Peggy J. Vriesman | | 80 |
| Delano D. Peters | | 35 | Sally Bell | X | 110 |
| Jamie Friedel | X | 68 | | | |
| Jeff Battice | | 29 | Chief Judge | Winner | Total |
| Jessica Lynn Burger | X | 84 | Austen J. Brauker | X | 115 |
| Jim Medacco | | 47 | Daniel T. Bailey | X | 233 |
| John Pabami | | 29 | Jonnie J. Sam II | | 105 |
| Justin L. Kelsey | | 13 | Joshua C. Stone | | 38 |
| Loretta Beccaria- Lindeman | | 45 | Sharron Cogswell Detz | X | 106 |

Challenges to the Primary Vote had to be filed by Friday, February 20th! The final tally has been posted on the Tribal Face Book page, in the Rapid River News and on the tribal website at www.lrboi.com

ELECTION BOARD

Peggy Derouin

Tammy Bowen

Brandi Drake-Blamer

Karen Love

Valerie Robinson McDonnell

APPELLATE COURT JUDGE- ELDER

Joseph J. LaPorte

Justice Cynthia Pete Champagne

APPELLATE COURT JUDGE-ATTORNEY

Damian S. Fisher

Melissa L. Pope

MIEA Spring Quarterly Conference

The Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) will be holding their Spring Quarterly Conference April 20th, 21st and 22nd at the Little River Casino Resort in the Three Fires Conference Center. The LRBOI Elders Committee is hosting the event.



Mattress Sale!

Exclusive OFFER to all Little River Casino Resort associates and Little River Band of Ottawa Indian tribal members at *significant savings!*

The Tranquility sleep set is an Ultra-Premium Plush top mattress set made with the finest spring unit, upholstery and quilt packages on the market. Our supplier has remained committed to using higher than National brand industry standards in all components to provide exceptional sleep! This mattress set has the unique ability to provide exceptional support and sleep for everybody even two people of different weights.

This mattress is 13.5" tall and the box spring is 7.75" tall. All orders must be placed and paid for by May 16, 2015.

King Set (76" x 80").....597.00 + tax

Queen Set (60" x 80").....448.00 + tax

Full Set (54" x 75").....428.00 + tax

Twin Set (39" x 75").....320.00 + tax



Payment methods: cash, check or credit via LRCR Hotel Front Desk Supervisor, and LRCR associates can opt to do a payroll deduct (please call Barb Wood at 231-723-1535 ext 3863 for details). Mattress will be available for pick up at the LRCR warehouse on Dontz Road May 21st after 4pm.

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CASINO RESORT

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**The Spring Membership Meeting is
April 11th in the
Makwa Endaat (Entertainment Center)
at The Little River Casino Resort.**

**The meeting is not going to be potluck.
The meal will be provided.**

**Watch for future
announcements
for more details.**

Fish Give-Away

From 8-11 a.m. of the spring membership meeting the Natural Resources Department will be giving away fish to all tribal members at the Big Blue building on the East Lake property (169 Brickyard Road). The fish are filleted and frozen in gallon ziplock bags. Please bring a cooler. For more information please call Ken LaHaye at 231-398-2185.

REACHING OUT TO NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH TO INSPIRE READING, WRITING, AND HIGHER EDUCATION

The *Young Native Writers Essay Contest* is a writing contest for Native American high school students and is designed to encourage young Native Americans to write about their experiences as a member of a Native American community and the culture that inspires them.

The voices that emerge from this program honor the legacy of every Native American who has ever lived. Add your words to the thousands submitted through this project - all writers receive a Certificate of Honor for their submission.

The Holland & Knight Charitable Foundation's goal of promoting education and creating new opportunities for youth has inspired this essay contest. Partnering with Holland & Knight in this endeavor are the National Museum of the American Indian and the National Indian Education Association.

Follow this link for the details: <http://nativewriters.hklaw.com/>

Kwewok Circle Presents

The History and Traditions

Of Anishnabekwe Jigoodenh

(Native Women Dresses)

Come April 6th, 15th, 22nd and 29th to the Community Center a different dress will be discussed each week.

5:30-7:00pm

Learn about Women's Pow-wow Regalia and how the different types of dresses are made, also the traditions that go with the wearing of that style of dress. We will have models on hand to show you their dress and talk about why they chose that style of dress. We will have the teachings that go with the dress and about the colors we choose for our regalia and the meanings of those colors.

For more information call 231-510-2424 Deb Davis

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(Cultural & Government related items)

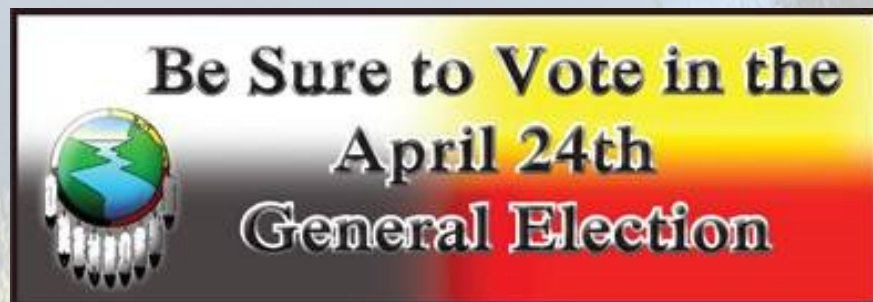
Warriors Society: Wanted...Veterans who want to actively participate in the Little River Band Warrior Society. Please email vjohnson@lrboi.com for an application and/or additional information.

We are constantly in need of Warriors for color guard duties for various events. Please consider becoming active or joining and being an active member. The Warrior Society meets the first Saturday of every month at 10am at the Aki Community Center located at the entrance to the LRBOI Housing Area. The Warrior Society meetings are usually followed by the monthly elders meeting at Noon.

Commander John Shano reported that this month, members of the Warriors participated in the funeral services for GTB's Chair George Bennett-ba and LRBOI Warrior Joe Koon-ba.

Commission Openings! The tribe continues to seek applications from tribal members interested in serving on any commission or committee of the tribe. Ogema Romanelli has asked for members to submit letters of interest along with why they would like to be on the various Commissions and what skills or knowledge they bring to the group. Applicants will need to submit a commission application along with your letter of interest. You will need to contact Mary Thomas (extension 6824) in the Ogema's office to get an application and will need to submit both in order to be considered.

Please send the letter and application to the attention of Executive Assistant, Mary Thomas, Office of the Ogema, 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660.



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"I went to a holy man and asked him for help. He told me to get on the Red Road. Pray to Wakan-Tanka (Great Spirit) to help you walk the Red Road."

-- Dr. A.C. Ross (Ehanamani), LAKOTA

All Indian traditions, customs and ceremonies help us answer three questions: who am I?, why am I?, and where am I going? Only on the Red Road can we find the answer to these three questions. When we can answer these three questions, we are on the Red Road. When we cannot, we have gone astray. That is why the Holy Men tell us to pray to the Great Spirit and to seek the Red Road. Why am I? My purpose is to serve the Great Spirit. Who am I? I am an Indian who walks the Red Road. Where am I going? My vision is to serve my people.

Great Spirit, when I know You, only then do I know me. Help me today to know You.

Happy Easter

Kateri Easter Gathering

Johnson Hall 1509 Holton Rd

Muskegon MI 49445 (next to Steak 'n' Egger)

Sunday March 29th, 2015

11am-4pm

Please bring a dish to pass

BINGO, RAFFLES and 50/50

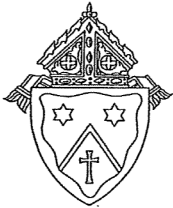


Any questions please
contact Brenda 231.760.6366



**Be Sure to Vote in the
April 24th
General Election**

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DIocese of Gaylord

611 WEST NORTH STREET
GAYLORD, MI 49735-8349
(989) 732-5147
FAX: (989) 705-3589

February 11, 2015
Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes

Dear All Native American Catholics in the Gaylord Diocese,

As the new Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Gaylord, I cordially invite you to participate in Healing / Talking Circles that will begin to take place in your area in the month of March. We need to and want to hear your stories and then apologize for any hurts that we, the Church, have caused. We hope that healing and reconciliation can begin.

The Healing / Talking Circles would begin with prayer, followed by each person sharing their story. We would meet with twelve (12) to fifteen (15) persons at a time. We will return as many times as necessary so that each person who wants to participate could be heard. After each person has shared his or her story, the priest present will go to each person and offer an apology. Sister Susan Gardner would then end the session with a guided imagery and song.

I ask you to contact the people below who will then set up a time for the Circles. We will meet in the evening, during the day, and on the weekend to accommodate those who are working. If you have any questions, please contact Sister Susan at 231-271-6651.

Here are the contacts:

Burt Lake - Curtis Chambers 231-290-0193
Petoskey - Anthony Davis 231-268-1199
West Branch Area - Joan Denemy 989-701-5590
Manistee - Kathy Gibson 231-398-6617
Peshawbestown - Donna Swallows 231-534-7130

Looking forward to experiencing this moment of grace, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Steven J Raica
Diocese of Gaylord

www.dioceseofgaylord.org

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LRBOI Warriors Chuck Fisher and Del Peters represented the Warriors Society who purchased the small bottles for the Maple Sugar project this year.

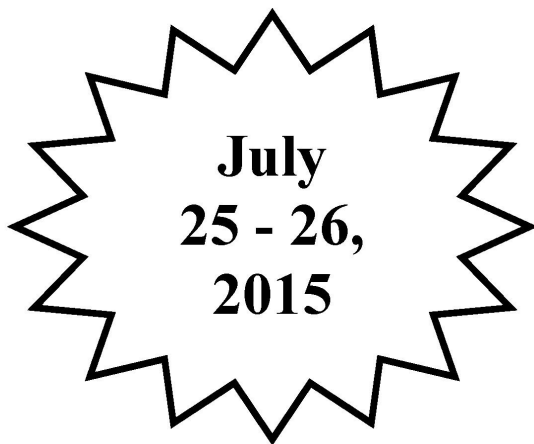


The Fire is lit and the process begun!



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The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Invites you to the 22nd Annual 2015 Anishinaabe Family Language & Culture Camp



Saturday, July 25:

Waabini Manidookewin (Sunrise Ceremony)
8:00am Breakfast
8:30am Opening Ceremony
9:15am - 12:00pm Presentations/Workshops
12:00pm Lunch
1:15pm - 5:00pm Presentations/Workshops
5:00pm Dinner
7:00pm Jiingtamok (Pow wow)

Sunday, July 26:

Waabini Manidookewin (Sunrise Ceremony)
8:00am Breakfast
9:00am - 12:00pm Presentations/Workshops
12:00pm Lunch, Giveaway & Closing

- ♦ No Registration Fee
- ♦ All Meals are Provided
- ♦ Camping available (first come, first serve)
- ♦ On-site Restrooms & Bath house
- ♦ Location: 2596 Loon Drive, Manistee, MI
Corner of US-31 & M-22, across from the
Little River Casino Resort

- ♦ "Celebrating the Unity of Our Language & Culture"
- ♦ For the sunrise ceremony, please dress appropriately (women wear long skirts) and respectfully for all.
- ♦ We politely ask that English be the second language used at this camp.
- ♦ Bring your Nation's Flag and a Giveaway Gift
- ♦ The agenda and other information will be posted as soon as possible; please visit www.lrboi-nsn.gov or www.anishinaabemdaa.com for updates. Some presentations/workshops may include: cultural teachings, traditional medicines, craft making, games, language learning, etc.



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For more information, please contact:

Kenny Pheasant: 231-398-6892, 231-590-1187 or Terri Tyler: 231-398-6891

Email: kpheasant@lrboi-nsn.gov or ttyler@lrboi-nsn.gov

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Presenters Call 22nd Annual Anishinaabe Family Language and Culture Camp 2015 Manistee Mi.

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We are looking for presenters for this year's camp; this will allow for plenty of time for everyone. This year's camp will be held on July 25th, 26th 2015. If you are interested in being a presenter, we will need a presentation outline and a biography.

We will need two different presentation outlines and some presenters may be asked to present up to three different times. Each presentation should be approximately 1 ½ hours long, but if you have a presentation that requires a longer amount of time, please let us know in order to accommodate your workshop. Please also let us know if your presentation is meant to target a particular age group or other demographic.

We also need to know if your workshop is total Anishinaabemowin immersion, if you will have a translator or if you will be presenting in the English language with some Anishinaabemowin. Please note that if you have handouts for your presentation, you are responsible for making sure you have enough copies because there are no copiers on site.

Just as a note, most of our guests do not speak Anishinaabemowin and some understand it, but do not speak it yet. For some of our guests, this is the only time that they get to hear Anishinaabemowin being used. It would be appreciated for all of the presenters to remain visible throughout the camp and to be available to speak in Anishinaabemowin. We have had successful Camps because of the good presenters that have participated. We attend one another's presentations and socialize with the guests; we support one another and love our language.

Along with your presentation outline and biography, we will also need to know if you require lodging. Please send all of your information by email as soon as possible and do not wait until the last minute otherwise you may not make it on the presenter list. It would be appreciated if your presentation outline and biography could be sent as separately attached documents in the email. It's just easier for us when we process our program book. (Phone calls are accepted to state your interest in presenting, but the written information is required by the deadline for consideration.)

If you know anyone who may be interested in presenting at the Camp, by all means, please forward this letter to them and have them state in their email who recommended them to present.

The deadline for all of this information is May 10, 2015

Here is my contact information:

kpheasant@lrboi-nsn.gov

231-398-6892

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Kenny Neganigwane Pheasant

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March 2015 Docket (subject to deletions or additions)

Key:

CO Cora Offense/Conservation
CS Child Support
CT Civil Ticket
DM Divorce with children
DO Divorce w/o children
EA Enrollment Appeal
EB Election Board Appeal
EM Emancipation of Minor
FJ Foreign Judgment
FSJ Foreign Support Judgment
GA Gaming Appeal

GC General Civil
GM Guardianship of Minor
GR Employment Matter
JC Judicial Complaint
JV Juvenile
LT Landlord Tenant
NA Neglect Abuse
NC Name Change
PF Probate
PPO Personal Protection Order

Court Docket

Monday, March 23, 2015

Judge Bailey

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| 10:00 a.m. | Graves v. Jones | 08273CM Motion Hrg. |
| 01:30 p.m. | Neglect/Abuse | 11223NA Closed Hrg. |

Thursday, March 26, 2015

Judge Sherigan

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| 01:30 p.m. | Sprau v. LRRCR | 14232GC Pretrial |
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Monday, March 30, 2015

Judge Bailey

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| 10:00 a.m. | Hamilton v. LRRCR | 15016GR Formal Hrg. |
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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Spring Fire & Anishinaabe Lifeways Teachings

April 8-11, 2015

**LRBOI Tribal Gathering Grounds
(Fire Lodge behind Trading Post gas station)**

Each day will start with a Sunrise Ceremony and teachings will be held throughout the day

At the conclusion of the last teaching, Wednesday through Friday, the Fire will be kept throughout the night

Everyone is welcomed to attend!



**For information, please call 1-888-723-8288,
ext. 6891, 6893 or 6895**

**Sponsored by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Tribal Historic Preservation Department**

Today, EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy announced the new Safer Choice Label to help people find cleaning and other products that are safer for you, your family, and the environment! *Look for the new Safer Choice label on products in stores beginning this spring and summer!*

Please help us by sharing the message about the new logo through social media, listserve and other ways:

View EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy's Video: <http://youtu.be/Pc4DWqFlqMo>

Read her blog: <https://blog.epa.gov/epaconnect/2015/03/this-spring-look-for-the-safer-choice-label/>

See our new website: www.epa.gov/saferchoice

Share the video on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/video.php?v=10153168817922229>

Retweet us: <https://twitter.com/EPA/status/573185709307252736>

Retweet Administrator Gina McCarthy: <https://twitter.com/GinaEPA/status/573198771682734080>

The hashtag is #SaferChoice.



This follows more than a year of stakeholder and public engagement to help us with the design of a new label that better conveys the scientific rigor of EPA's product evaluation and the benefits to people and the environment. Thanks for all your help.

Finding products that are safer for you, your family, and the environment should be easy—that's why EPA created the Safer Choice label. The Safer Choice label helps you identify products with safer chemical ingredients, without sacrificing quality or performance. When you see a product with the Safer Choice label, it means that every ingredient in the product has been evaluated by EPA scientists against our stringent health and safety standards. Only the safest ingredients are allowed in products with the Safer Choice label.

The Safer Choice family of labels includes a consumer facing version, with a house, and an optional version for industrial & institutional products. We are also announcing a label that is available to partners as a means to substantiate fragrance-free claims on Safer Choice products. The fragrance-free label is for consumers and purchasers that prefer or require fragrance-free products.

Safer Choice staff will be working with partners, stakeholders, and, very importantly, our Agency colleagues to build awareness of the new label among consumers and purchasers, especially in the late spring/early summer of this year, when products bearing the new label will start to appear in stores.

Again, please help us get the word out on the new Safer Choice Label by sharing with your contacts. Thanks!

[SaferChoice_facebook.jpg](#)

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LRBOI TRIBAL GOVERNMENT JOBS

The Human Resources Department welcomes your application for posted positions that are of interest to you! Did you know that job openings can be found on-line and on bulletin boards at government buildings? Job announcements are updated on a continuous basis. Look no further than these convenient sources for your next opportunity.

www.lrboi-nsn.gov

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Tribal Government Buildings

By calling the HR Department

| Job Title | Department | Open Date | Close Date |
|--|-------------------|-----------|------------|
| Peacemaking Assistant | Tribal Court | 3/13/15 | 3/27/15 |
| Surveillance Operator | Surveillance | 3/12/15 | 3/25/15 |
| Case Manager Generalist | Family Services | 3/9/15 | 3/20/15 |
| Domestic Violence Program Coordinator | Family Services | 3/9/15 | 3/20/15 |
| Fisheries/Aquatic Seasonal Internships | Natural Resources | 2/3/15 | 3/20/15 |

What about Temporary Work? Send in or drop off your application at anytime and be included in our temporary employment pool. Just be certain to check "temporary" or place "temp pool" on the position of interest line. Temporary assignments range from 1 to 180 days in duration. It's a great way to gain experience and sharpen your skills.

Indian Preference applies to the hiring of all vacant positions

Please send your application, resume, and cover letters to:

LRBOI Human Resources

2608 Government Center Drive

Manistee, MI 49660

Fax: (231) 398-9101 E-mail: agiltz@lrboi-nsn.gov Phone: (231) 398-6859 or (888) 723-8288

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

**Little River Casino Resort
Three Fires Conference Center**

Thursday, April 2nd, 2015 from 8am to 6pm

Check out the opportunities that await you and learn about
what we have to offer in these areas at the Resort:

**Table Games • Slots • Finance • Food & Beverage • Facilities • Security
Hotel • Marketing • Information Technology • Human Resources**

Representatives from each area will be available to answer your questions.



Manistee, MI | Corner of US 31 and  | 888.568.2244 | lrcr.com

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
1101 W Hackley, Muskegon, MI 49441
Wednesday, March 25th, 2015 from 10am to 3pm**

Check out the opportunities that await you and learn about
what we have to offer in these areas at the Resort:

**Table Games • Slots • Finance • Food & Beverage • Facilities • Security
Hotel • Marketing • Information Technology • Human Resources**

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CONCERT LINE UP FOR 2015

Saturday – March 28th **Under The Streetlamp** at 8pm • On Sale Now! Jack \$25, Queen \$35, King \$40

Friday – April 24th **Trace Adkins** at 9pm • On Sale Now! Jack \$50, Queen \$65, King \$75

More upcoming shows to be announced soon. Stay tuned, and thank you for choosing Little River Casino Resort.